

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 463

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A RESOLUTION to create an advisory committee on the accessibility and efficiency of emergency medical care in Shelby County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created an advisory committee on the accessibility and efficiency of emergency medical care in Shelby County. The committee shall undertake a thorough study of the challenges surrounding ambulance services and their interaction with private and public hospital emergency care and provide solutions for the coordination of care in Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee shall consist of one (1) member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one (1) member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; one (1) representative of the Shelby County Fire Department; one (1) representative of the City of Memphis Fire Department; one (1) representative from each of the four (4) major hospital providers in Shelby County; one (1) representative of a private ambulance provider in Shelby County; one (1) representative of City of Memphis government, to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Memphis; one (1) representative of Shelby County government, to be appointed by the Mayor of Shelby County; one (1) member representing the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board, as appointed by the Board's Chairman; and one (1) member representing the Tennessee Department of Health, as appointed by the Commissioner of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee shall seek the input and participation of the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board; the Tennessee Department

of Health; the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities; the TennCare Bureau; and other appropriate state agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the advisory committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. Non-legislative members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee shall timely issue recommendations and an action plan for the increased cooperation and efficiency of emergency care in Shelby County to the Mayor of Shelby County, the Mayor of the City of Memphis, and the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than December 15, 2007, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.